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To: Rob Newman <rob.newman@sportbc.com>
Subject: Letter from the Honourable Lisa Beare

Rob Newman
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Dear Rob Newman:

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has upended the way of life in British Columbia (BC) and around the world. Taking the measures necessary to control the spread of COVID-19 has had a profound impact on businesses and people's livelihoods.

Our province is still in active containment mode with physical distancing, travel restrictions, and business and school closures in place to prevent the virus from spreading. Our collective efforts under these public health measures have been commendable.

The Honourable John Horgan, Premier, has announced his intention to release a plan next week on when and how we expect BC to be able to resume operation of those parts of our economy that were closed due to COVID-19. I am writing to you today so we can start working together to develop a plan to reopen the parts of your organization that will be able to operate while adhering to the orders of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO). As you will be aware, any business or service that has not been ordered to close may continue to operate if they can adapt their services and workplace to adhere to the orders of the PHO.

For those sectors and businesses who are looking ahead to reopening, the PHO has said they need to think about three things: processes to open safely; measures to keep people safe to avoid further outbreaks; and a plan in the event that a case or an outbreak should occur.

I am asking for Sport BC to develop a set of proposed guidelines on how a business or organization could operate safely in your sector during this pandemic. The guidelines should consider customers, staff, and suppliers in your planning. They will also need to show how the current series of PHO orders and recommendations will be followed, including:

- prohibition of gatherings of 50 or more people;
- physical distancing of at least 2 metres;
- frequent hand hygiene;
- cleaning and disinfection; and
- self-isolation for employees who have symptoms of COVID-19 for a minimum of 10 days (or self-isolation for 14 days if you are returning to Canada).

Each business will have unique aspects of its operations that need to be modified to effectively follow the PHO orders and recommendations. You know your industry best, and that is why we are asking you to thoughtfully and carefully interpret these guidelines to prepare your sector for reopening while still protecting the public's health.

COVID-19 case counts continue to evolve, and the current PHO orders and recommendations are subject to change. The Province will continue to follow the science so that we can best respond to this public health emergency and get BC safely back to business as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about developing the guidelines, you may contact David Currie, Director, at: David.Currie@gov.bc.ca. Please send your reopening guidelines to TAC.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca. The Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture will work with our colleagues in the Ministry of Health to facilitate a review of the guidelines.

Please visit the following website: www.gov.bc.ca/covid19 for the most up-to-date information on the PHO's orders and guidance.

For additional resources on how to help workers stay safe at work during the COVID-19 pandemic, please see: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-industry-information>.

Thank you for your commitment to your province during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Lisa Beare
Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture